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Information Disclosure Statement

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Dear Sir:

Attached is a completed Form PTO-1449 and copies of the pertinent parts of the references cited thereon. Below are comments on these references pursuant to Rule 98:

U.S. Patent No. 6,536,489 to Rowan et al. discloses a slip-on, insulating and decorative cover specifically adopted for use with George Foreman® grilling machines.

U.S. Patent No. 6,463,924 to Osterman discloses a grease collection device for a grill for catching grease falling from an open grill cover.

U.S. Patent No. 5,606,905 to Boehm et al. discloses a cooking device with a lower cooking plate which has grilling members supported in heat conducting relation and an upper cooking plate movable to a closed position forming a cooking chamber.

U.S. Patent No. 5,605,143 to Hebert discloses a device for cleaning barbecue gratings comprises a heat reflective perforated plate for placement on the barbecue grating and a removable handle for use in conjunction with said plate for replacement and removal thereof.

U.S. Patent No. 5,009,151 to Hungerford discloses a cooking protective food support that includes a plurality of raised portions and a plurality of lower portions supports food to be cooked and collects cooking food juices.

U.S. Patent No. 4,969,449 to Levin discloses a disposable foil grill consisting of corrugated and perforated sheet of heavy duty aluminum foil.

U.S. Patent No. 3,555,994 to Nemetz discloses a disposable dripping-shedding cover for the grill of a barbecue, formed to fit over and removably connect with the food-supporting wires.

U.S. Patent No. 3,082,757 to Hohe discloses a disposable charcoal grill cover.

The George Foreman® grill owner's manual for model No. GR10A published in 1997 by Salton/MAXIM Housewares.

The page 33 item F. Panini Grill from catalogue produced by Crate&Barrel.

The printout of an Internet page from the search engine Yahoo displaying the models of Hamilton Beach Grills and Sandwich Makers, dated May 13, 2003.

The printout of Internet pages from the WAL\*MART website displaying Hamilton Beach HealthSmart Contact Grill, dated May 13, 2003.

The printout of Internet pages from the Reynolds Kitchens catalogue, Kitchen Connection, displaying the Frequently Asked Questions section, dated June 9, 2003.

None of the above items discloses a disposable grill cover for indoor counter top grills having two cooking plates such as the George Foreman® grills containing a first and second sheet or sheet portion of aluminum foil of a fixed shape designed to mate with the two contoured cooking surfaces of the grills, wherein the sheets are positioned over the cooking surfaces of the grill using tabs on each side of the sheets extending the same layer of aluminum, wherein the contoured surface including ribs/grooves and bumps of the two sheets correspond exactly to the contoured surface including ribs, bumps and a rim on the two

cooking surfaces of the grill to minimize heat loss, wherein cleaning the grill from fat, grease and odor from food residue is avoided before each use, wherein a front extension of the first sheet extends into and covers the interior surface of the drip tray of the George Foreman® grill.

Very truly yours,



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